

REGIONAL REPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FALL MIGRATION

August 15 to November 30, 1956

1956 did have some fine days. A delightful Indian Summer broke into this atrocious year, but the season under consideration could not entirely escape the rigors of 1956. Much of the fall migration was ruined by short and early, but intensely cold spells which swept through a great many migrants. Frost and snow hit Region 1 on September 20. The Indian Summer in western New York then proved a void for land birds. Fortunately the eastern part of the state was not so hard hit and the mild weather along the Hudson provided some notable late records, notably a December 5 Kentucky Warbler in Region 9. Late-hatching insects helped to hold over some birds who braved the early cold.

Failure of the hurricanes of recent years to develop cut down the number of long-distance wanderers, but did not preclude some notable appearances: Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (in Region 8) from the South and Rough-legged Hawks (in 3, 4, 5, 6) and Arctic Three-toed Woodpeckers (in 1, 2, 4, 7) from the North. GRR

SUMMARY OF TREE AND SHRUB CROP

Region	1*	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Red Pine-----	—	—	—	F	P	P	F	G	F	—
White Pine-----	P	F	—	G	P	F	G	G	P	FP
Pitch Pine-----	—	—	—	F	P	—	G	P	P	FP
Larch-----	—	G	—	—	F	G	F	G	F	—
White Spruce-----	—	—	—	G	F	P	—	—	F	—
Black Spruce-----	—	—	—	G	—	P	—	—	F	—
Red Spruce-----	—	—	—	G	—	—	—	—	F	—
Balsam Fir-----	—	—	—	F	F	F	—	—	F	—
Hemlock-----	G	G	G	F	G	G	G	P	G	—
Arbor-vitae-----	F	—	G	G	F	P	G	F	F	F
Red Cedar-----	F	G	—	F	—	F	F	—	F	F
Bayberry-----	—	G	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	FG
Ironwood (Ostrya)-----	G	G	G	G	—	F	F	—	—	—
Blue Beech (Carpinus)-----	G	G	—	G	—	P	—	—	F	—
Yellow Birch-----	P	P	—	G	F	G	G	G	G	—
White Birch-----	—	—	—	G	F	G	G	G	F	—
American Beech-----	GF	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	—
White Oak-----	P	P	—	P	P	G	F	G	F	G
Red Oak-----	P	G	—	P	P	G	G	G	G	F
Cucumber Tree-----	F	F	—	—	F	—	—	—	—	—
Mountain Ash-----	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	—
Thornapple-----	GF	G	G	F	G	P	G	G	G	—
Wild Black Cherry-----	P	G	F	F	F	G	F	G	F	G
Box Elder-----	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	—
Sugar Maple-----	GF	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	—
Grey Dodwood-----	G	G	G	G	G	—	—	—	F	F
Red-osier Dogwood-----	G	G	—	G	G	—	—	F	—	—
White Ash-----	G	G	—	F	F	F	F	G	G	—
Black-berried Elder-----	GF	G	G	F	F	G	G	G	G	—
General Crop Estimate -----	GF	G	—	GF	—	G	Imp.	G	F	F

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